



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Rural Area Working Party 17 June 2010

Rural Area Working Party Work Programme

**Attached is the Working Party's
Current Work Programme**

Rural Area Working Party Work Programme for 2010 - 17.06.10

What	Purpose	Source	When	Officer Lead
Rural Action Plan update	To advise the WP of recent developments and funding decisions taken under delegated powers	Core business identified by Cabinet	Every meeting (or as required)	Kirsty Pitwood
Review of rural area funding	To advise Cabinet on a new funding strategy for rural areas in time for 2011 budget setting	Requested by portfolio holders	Scoping paper for review in January 2010, with a view to concluding by Autumn 2010	Alex Wilson/ Davina Howes
Business Rates (NNDR)	To consider issues surrounding business rate relief in villages and the impact of the 2010 revaluation	Officer referral	January 2010	Hayley Urquhart
Mobile Youth Service Provision	To look at the future operation of the 'WOS Up' scheme	Officer referral	January 2010	Simon Pickering
Parish Conference planning	To review the agenda of forthcoming parish conferences	Core business	Bi-annually at meeting prior to agenda being finalised	Kate Blazeby
Rural Housing	To examine rural housing need and delivery issues and to seek to attract additional external funding	Core business identified by Cabinet	April 2010 and then ongoing as required	Carole Herries
Delivery of the Local Development Framework in the rural area	Following development of the 'masterplans' which are needed for Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill under the LDF process, the Council will need to consider a complementary approach (which will be necessarily different) for the rural area. The Working Party will be a key consultee for this work and may be asked to lead on specific elements as the work progresses. For instance defining, for the purposes of Community Infrastructure Levy, the minimum expectations for facilities in villages of certain sizes	Core business identified by Cabinet	Initial discussion in April 2010 and then ongoing as required.	Patsy Dell/Ian Poole

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Local Development Framework rural allocations	To consult Members on the draft rural allocations document	Officer referral	April 2010	Ian Poole
Place Survey	To inform Members of the findings of the Place Survey and the differences between rural and urban areas	Officer referral	April 2010	Davina Howes
Fuel Poverty (Affordable Warmth)	To consider targeting of initiatives in the rural area where fuel poverty is often concentrated	Officer referral	April 2010	Peter Gudde
Ixworth Conservation Area Appraisal	The document was approved for consultation at the January Rural Area Working Party meeting. Following consultation, the document and the conservation area boundary have now been amended. Members are now asked to approve: (i) the final version of the appraisal and management plan for adoption as planning guidance and (ii) the revised conservation area boundary.	Officer referral	June 2010	Christine Leveson
Rural cleansing	To advise Cabinet on its future approach to the cleansing of rural areas	Requested by portfolio holders	Initial discussion in June 2010 and then full report in November 2010	Mark Walsh
Neighbourhood development	To consider the Council's approach to the new neighbourhoods agenda in the rural area	Core business identified by Cabinet	September 2010	Cathy Manning
Benefits	To target campaigns to promote take-up of benefits in rural areas	Officer referral	September 2010	Ann Parry-Jones
Village Hub concept	To discuss Steve Cook's 'Village Hub' concept, which looks at how village halls and playing fields can be used more effectively to engage and re-energise communities	External request (Steve Cook)	September 2010	TBA

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Rural deprivation and accessibility	To examine any findings of a pilot project instigated by the Diversity Group to map the location and distribution of various Council customer groups. When combined with other available data, this may allow the Working Party an insight into issues of rural deprivation and accessibility to services which will assist in the development of the Rural Action Plan	Officer referral	September/ November 2010	Alex Wilson
Review of Rural Action Plan	To give an update on progress of projects and to look at next steps when the current Action Plan expires in 2011	Core business identified by Cabinet	November 2010	Kirsty Pitwood